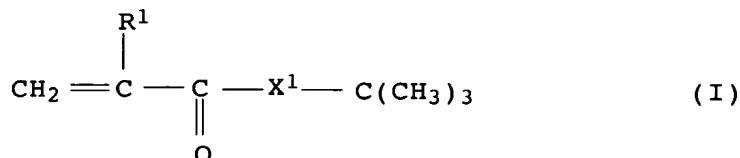


**Abstract**

A cosmetic composition comprising at least one water-soluble or 5 water-dispersible polymer which comprises, in copolymerized form,

- a) at least one  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated monomer of the formula I

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in which

$\text{R}^1$  is hydrogen or  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$ -alkyl, and

$\text{X}^1$  is O or  $\text{NR}^2$ , where  $\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$ -alkyl or  $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_8$ -cycloalkyl,

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- b) at least one  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated mono- and/or dicarboxylic acid,

- c) at least one compound having at least one  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated double bond and at least 5 alkylene oxide units per molecule,

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- d) at least one compound having at least one  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated double bond and at least one straight-chain or branched  $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{30}$ -alkyl or -alkylene radical per molecule,

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where the components c) and/or d) can be partially or completely replaced by a component e), where

- e) is at least one compound having at least one

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$\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated double bond, at least 5 alkylene oxide units and at least one straight-chain or branched  $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{30}$ -alkyl or -alkylene radical per molecule,

or the salts thereof.

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